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11 January 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 11 January 1961

PRESENT: Mr. Douglas, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. McCone,
Mr. Merchant, Mr. Riddleberger, Mr. Scribner,
Mr. Washburn, Mr. Smith

1. Interagency Group on Science and Technology

The Board discussed further the desirability of establishing an interagency group on Science and Technology, and gave particular attention to the draft terms of reference. The members once more concurred in the necessity for identifying and exploiting aspects of American achievements in this field which will enhance the image of the U.S. abroad. It was agreed that the group should have a close relationship with the Federal Council for Science and Technology and should be chaired by the Science Adviser to the Secretary of State, or by his designee.

2. Attitude of the British Press

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The Board then discussed the current attitude of large elements of the British press and of the BBC toward the U.S. [redacted]

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[redacted] it was agreed that a real problem is caused by elements in Britain who are particularly suspicious and critical of U.S. motives and actions.

3. Semi-Annual Appraisal of Policy Toward the Near East

The Board then turned to a consideration of differing views of certain member agencies as to the determination of the necessity for a review of U.S. policy toward the Near East. It was agreed that the

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4. Nth Country Nuclear Capability

Mr. McCone then expressed his feeling that the prospective development of nuclear capabilities by additional countries poses serious and urgent problems for the U.S. He said that he had discussed this with Secretary-designate Rusk and that he himself felt it should receive most serious consideration in the Government. Mr. Dulles said that he would take steps to initiate a comprehensive background study of this subject. Mr. McCone suggested that such a study should take into consideration the view of weapons experts in the AEC.

5. Sino-Soviet Economic Challenge

The Board noted the action of the Board Assistants with respect to the draft paper on ways to meet the "information problem arising from the Sino-Soviet economic challenge." They endorsed the Board Assistants' action, i. e. the paper is referred to the Department of State for preparation of comprehensive policy guidance.

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7. U.S. Public Attitude Toward Castro and Trujillo

Mr. Merchant and Mr. Washburn gave a brief summary of actions planned or under way to carry out the decision to link Castro and Trujillo in U.S. public statements and information output.

8. Jackson Committee Report

Mr. Gray said that he was having a study made of the portion of

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the Jackson Committee report dealing with the OCB. He said he would make the results of this study available to the members of the Board.



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